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FOLLOWING AN EXPLOSIVE BATTLE WITH THE EVIL DR. EGGMAN, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS HEROIC FRIENDS WERE BLASTED AWAY FROM THEIR HOME TO AN ALTERNATE EARTH IN ANOTHER DIMENSION... UNFORTUNATELY, EGGMAN CAME ALONG FOR THE RIDE! NOW, SONIC AND THE OTHERS MUST DEFEND THEIR NEW HOME OF STATION SQUARE FROM THEIR EGG-SHAPED NEMESIS IN...

SPEED LINES!

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NOW, IN EGGMAN'S
HEADQUARTERS...

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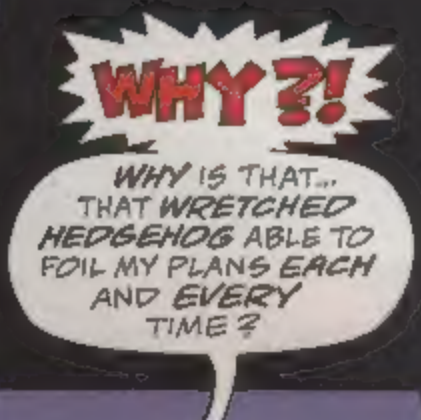
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WHY?!

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WHY?!

WHY IS THAT... THAT WRETCHED HEDGEHOG ABLE TO FOIL MY PLANS EACH AND EVERY TIME?



OF COURSE! SONIC ALWAYS WINS!

... "ALWAYS WINS" ?!



WHY, YOU UN-GRATEFUL BUCKETS OF BOLTS! I'LL HAVE YOUR--



THIS IS SCARLET GARCIA COMING TO YOU LIVE FROM STATION SQUARE, WHERE AN EMPTY CITY TROLLEY HAS ACCIDENTALLY LOST CONTROL!



BODDE, DECODE-- MOVE ASIDE, YOU TIN-PLATED TWITS!

OFFICER SAM SPEED IS ON THE SCENE...



... ALONG WITH STATION SQUARE'S FASTEST HERO--



--SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

WHY, THAT LOUSY, NO-GOOD--

SAM!

NO DEAL, DAWN! I'VE GOT A RESCUE--

SAM, YOU'VE GOT TO SLOW DOWN!

YOU'RE PUSHING YOUR CAR TOO HARD-- YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT IF YOU DON'T LET THE ENGINE COOL DOWN.

YOU'VE GOT TO STOP!



AND LET THAT HEDGEHOG BEAT ME AGAIN?!

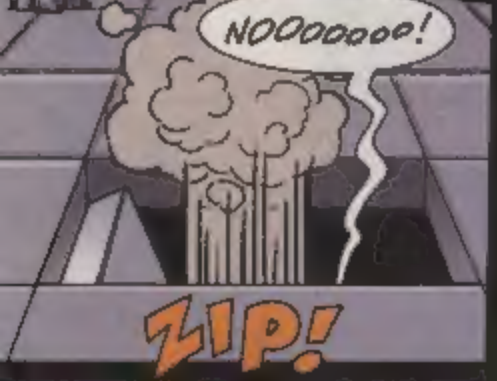
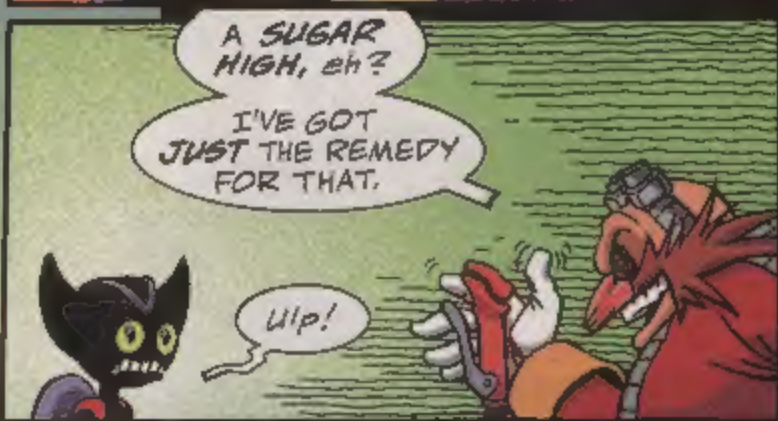


I DON'T THINK S--

WHAT WAS THAT?!

CLANK!





YOU DID IT, SONIC! YOU SAVED THE DAY AGAIN!

HEY, WHAT CAN I SAY, CHRIS? SAVIN' THE DAY IS WHAT I DO BEST!

LET'S CELEBRATE! WHO'S UP FOR ICE CREAM AT MY HOUSE?

I'LL RACE YOU THERE, BUDDY!

THIS STINKS!

WELL, THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE SAFE. IT COULD'VE BEEN A LOT WORSE.

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!

HEY, DON'T TAKE IT OUT ON THE CAR!

WHUMP

THE CAR?! IF IT WASN'T FOR THIS POORLY MAINTAINED HUNK OF JUNK--

HUNK OF JUNK?! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH TIME S-TEAM PUT INTO THAT CAR?

IF YOU HAD JUST LISTENED TO ME IN THE FIRST PLACE, YOU WOULDN'T BE IN THIS MESS!

YOU KNOW, LATELY YOU'VE BEEN ACTING LIKE A REAL JERK, SAM, AND YOU CAN'T BLAME THE CAR-- OR SONIC-- FOR THAT!

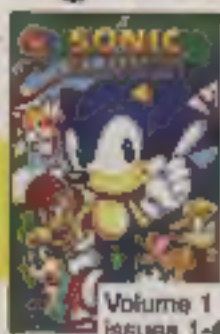
I THINK YOU CAN WAIT FOR THE TOW TRUCK BY YOURSELF. PAUL AND I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT TO HELP AT THE REFINERY, ANYWAY.

MAYBE YOU'LL HAVE TIME TO THINK ABOUT WHAT IT WAS LIKE WHEN WE WORKED AS A TEAM.

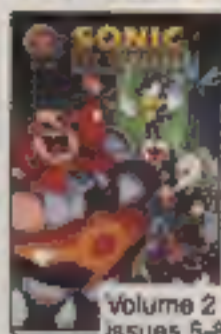
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Whoa!

WHO ARE YOU?

WHY... EH... I'M A CONCERNED CITIZEN AND FELLOW SPEED FREAK--ROBBIE NICK, AT YOUR SERVICE. MY MONSTROUS GARAGE ORGANIZATION HAS GOT QUITE THE OFFER FOR YOU, MR. SPEED.

AN OFFER?

YES. WE'RE BIG FANS OF YOUR DD-GOODING WAYS, AND WE'RE TIRED OF SEEING YOUR TEAM'S SHODDY WORKMANSHIP COST YOU RACE AFTER RACE AGAINST THAT SECOND-RATE EXCUSE FOR A HERO, SONIC!



WE WANT TO BUILD YOU A CAR THAT WILL LET YOU TAKE BACK THE TOP SPOT IN STATION SQUARE!

YOU DO WANT TO BE THE FASTEST HERO ON THE HIGHWAY AGAIN...

...DON'T YOU?

ALL RIGHT, I'LL DO IT.

THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR!

GET IN AND WE'LL TAKE YOU TO OUR HIGHLY ADVANCED FACILITY...



THIS IS YOUR "HIGHLY ADVANCED FACILITY"?

WE PUT THE VALUELESS PIECES OF GREEN PAPER WHERE THEY REALLY MAKE THE DIFFERENCE...

...INSIDE!

I HOPE YOU'RE PUTTING WHATEVER YOU SAVED ON RENT INTO YOUR EQUIPMENT.

OF COURSE. MEET MY MECHANICS...

BO AND DEE, THE FINEST PIT CREW IN ALL OF STATION SQUARE! PERHAPS THE FINEST IN THIS WHOLE MISERABLE DIMENSION!

Ahem, EGGMAN, SIR, I THINK YOU SHOULD STICK TO THE SCRIPT AND CUT THE AD-LIBS.

JUST GIVE ME THE PLANS, BOCOE! ALL THIS SMILING IS MAKING MY FACE FEEL LIKE IT'S GOING TO BREAK IN TWO!

WHERE'S THIS CAR YOU MENTIONED?

WHY, RIGHT THERE! AFTER A FEW MODIFICATIONS, OF COURSE!

THAT JUNK WILL SOON BE THE MOST ADVANCED--AND FASTEST--VEHICLE YOU HAVE EVER SEEN!

Um, THAT LOOKS LIKE A PILE OF JUNK.

MATTER-CONVERSION SPECTROMETER? CHECK. TRI-ALLOY CRANKSHAFT? CHECK.

WHAT'S AN "AD-LIB"?

Shhh!

UH... THINGA-MAWHATSI? CHECK.

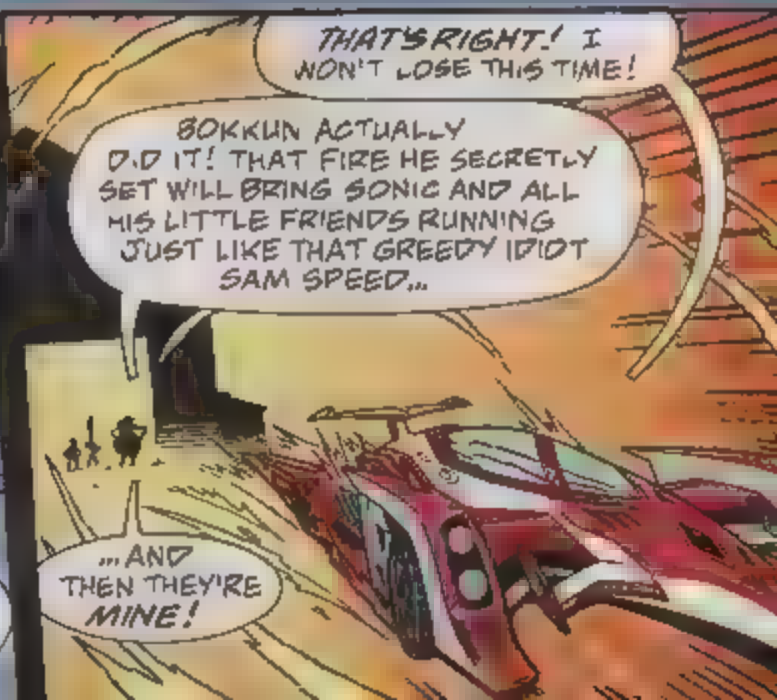
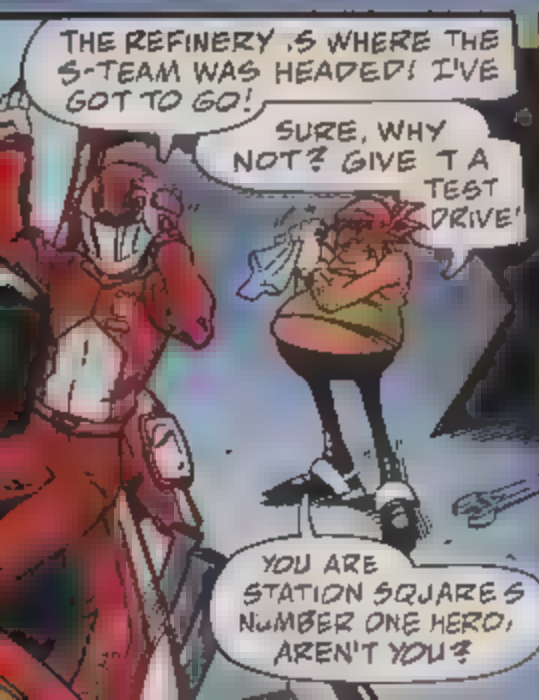
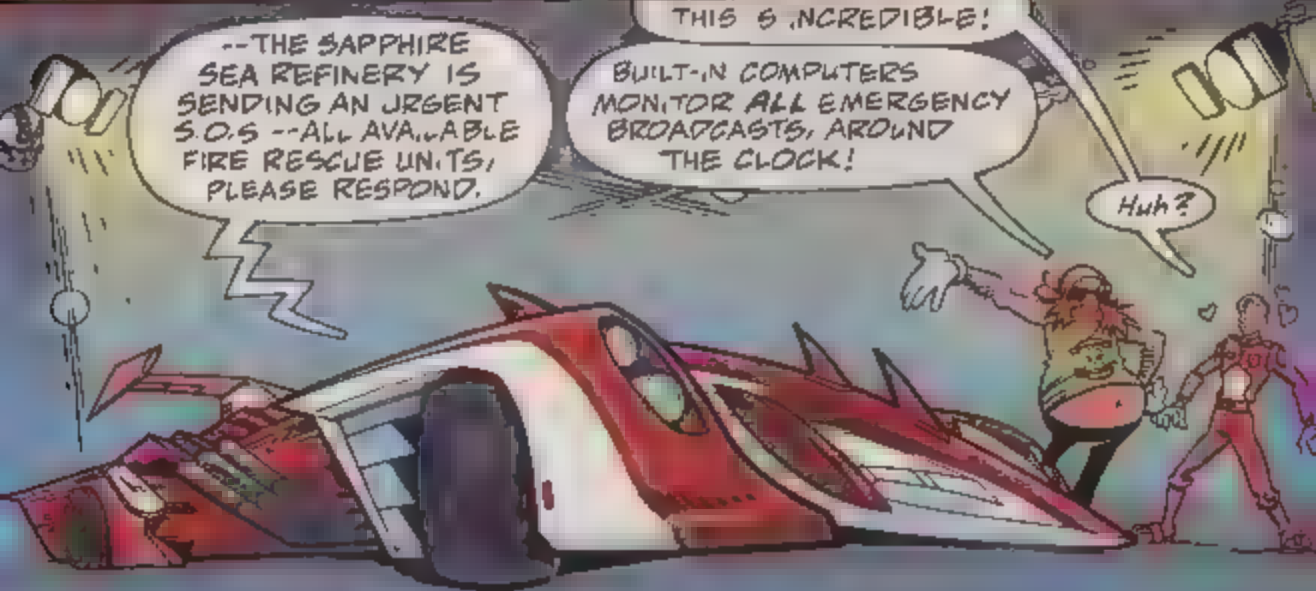
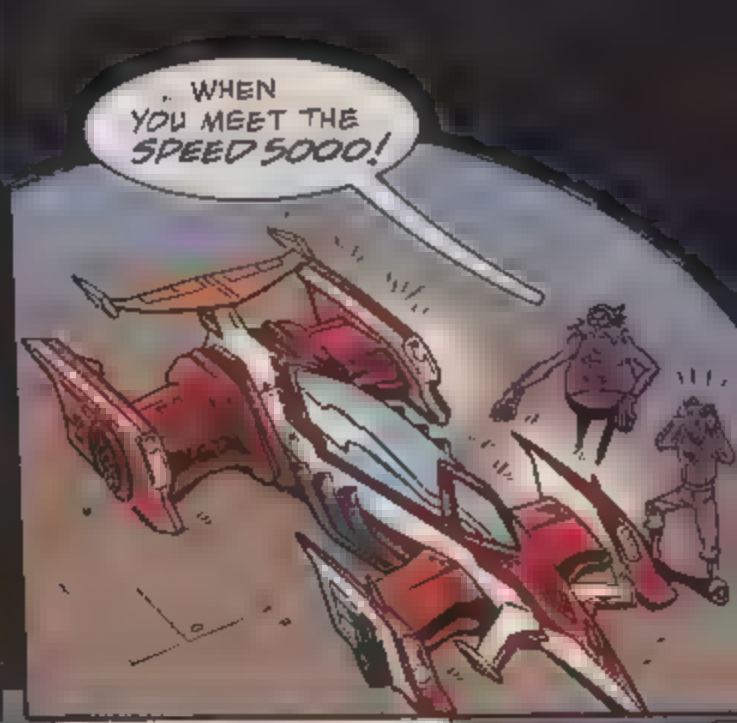
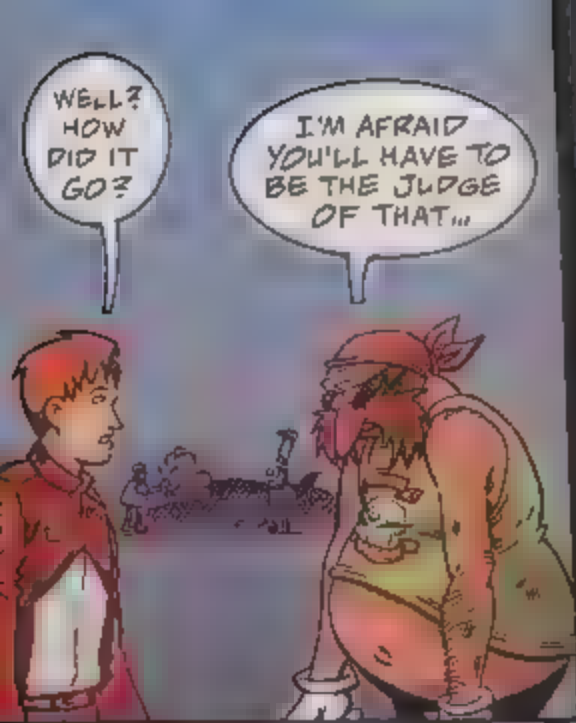
PARTSO-WHATEVER? CHECK.

SOON...

VZZZ VZZZZ!

I BELIEVE THE PATIENT IS ALMOST READY.



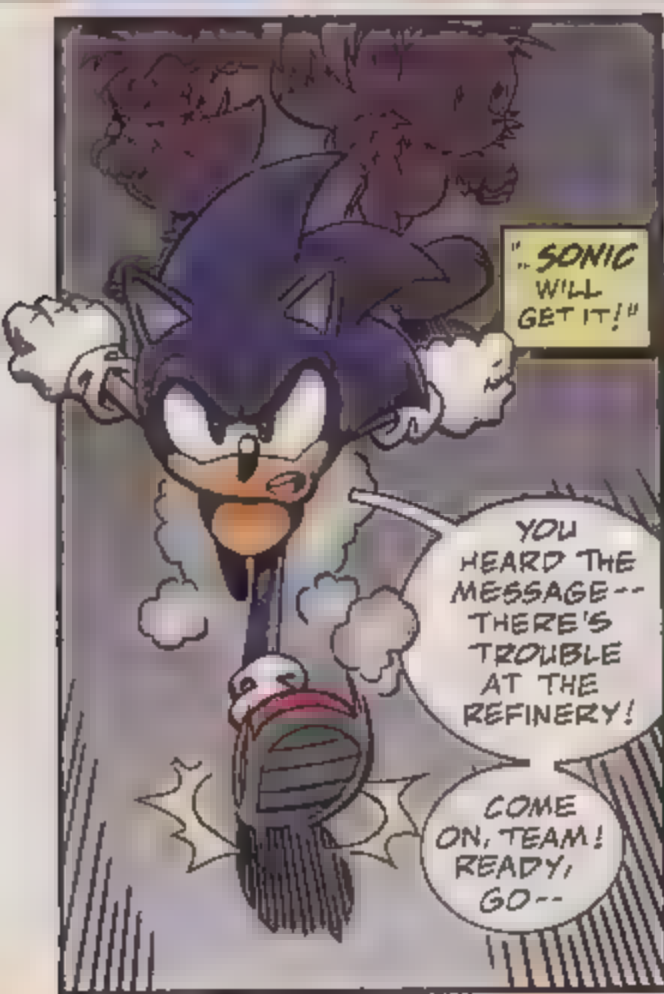




ON THE REFINERY...

DID THE RESCUE SIGNAL GO OUT?

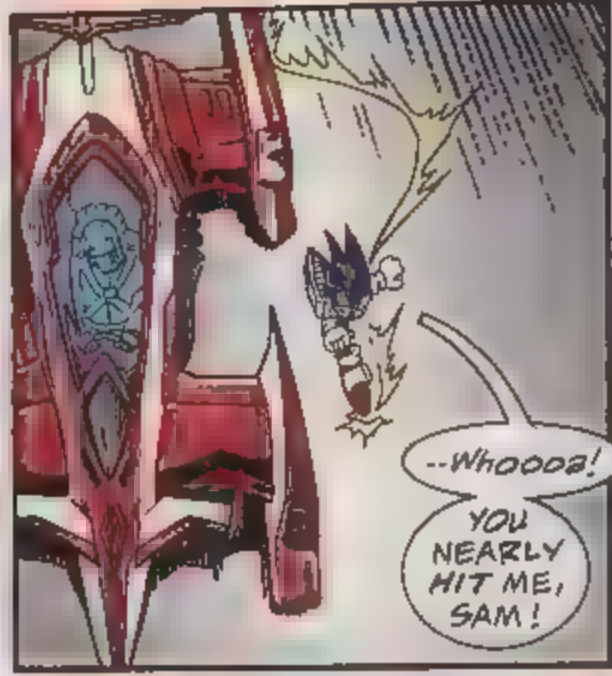
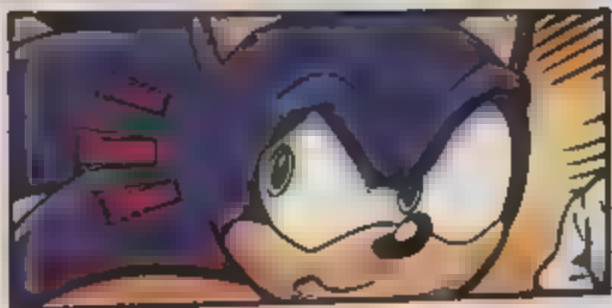
I--I THINK SO! HOPEFULLY...



"SONIC WILL GET IT!"

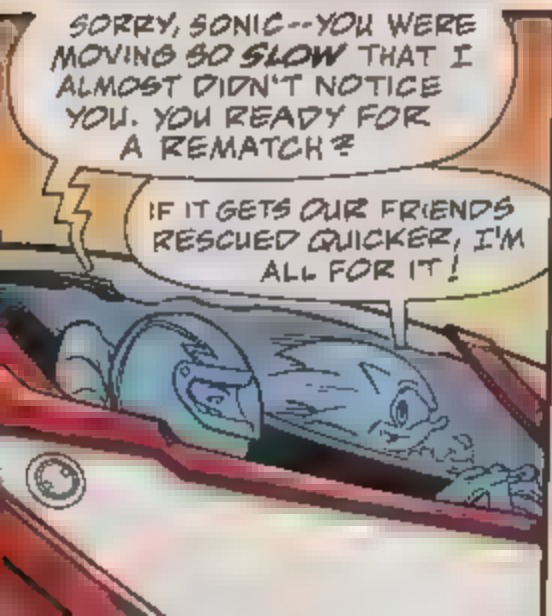
YOU HEARD THE MESSAGE-- THERE'S TROUBLE AT THE REFINERY!

COME ON, TEAM! READY, GO--



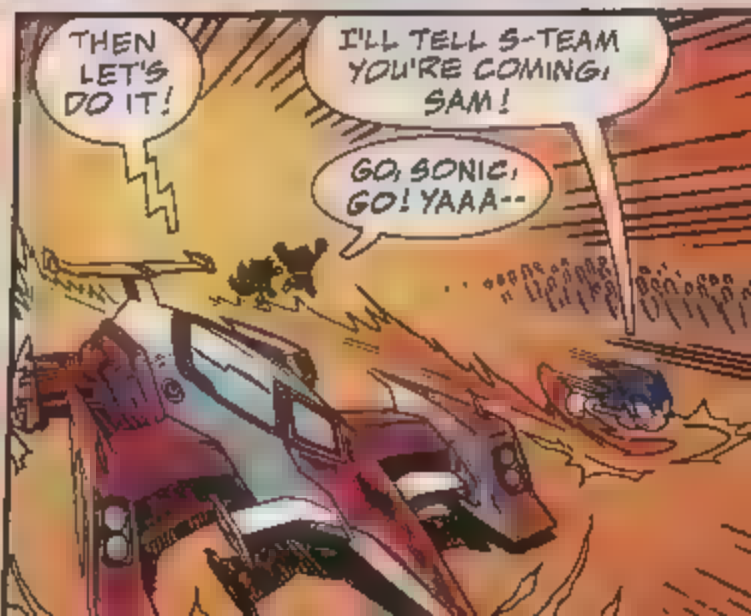
--Whoops!

YOU NEARLY HIT ME, SAM!



SORRY, SONIC--YOU WERE MOVING SO SLOW THAT I ALMOST DIDN'T NOTICE YOU. YOU READY FOR A REMATCH?

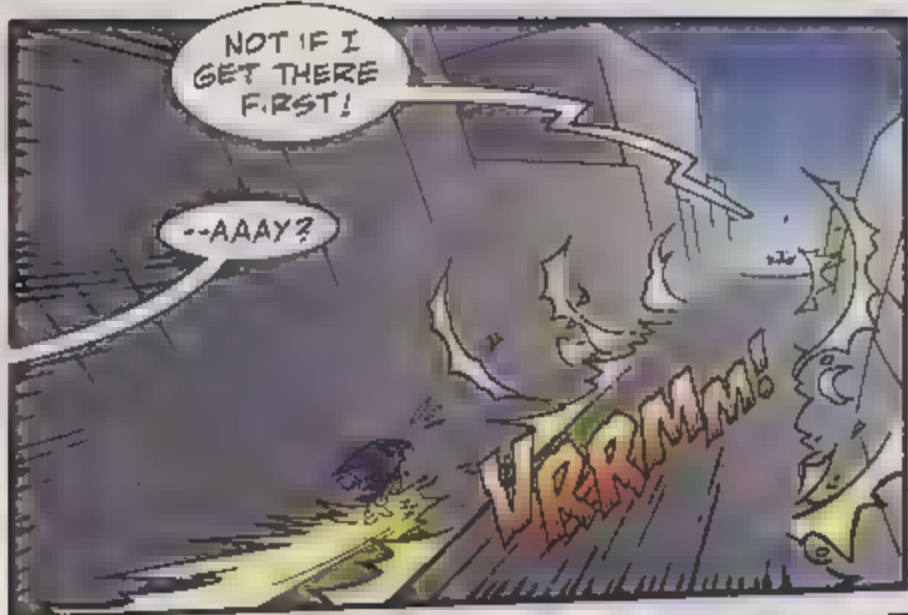
IF IT GETS OUR FRIENDS RESCUED QUICKER, I'M ALL FOR IT!



THEN LET'S DO IT!

I'LL TELL S-TEAM YOU'RE COMING! SAM!

GO, SONIC, GO! YAAA--



NOT IF I GET THERE FIRST!

--AAAY?

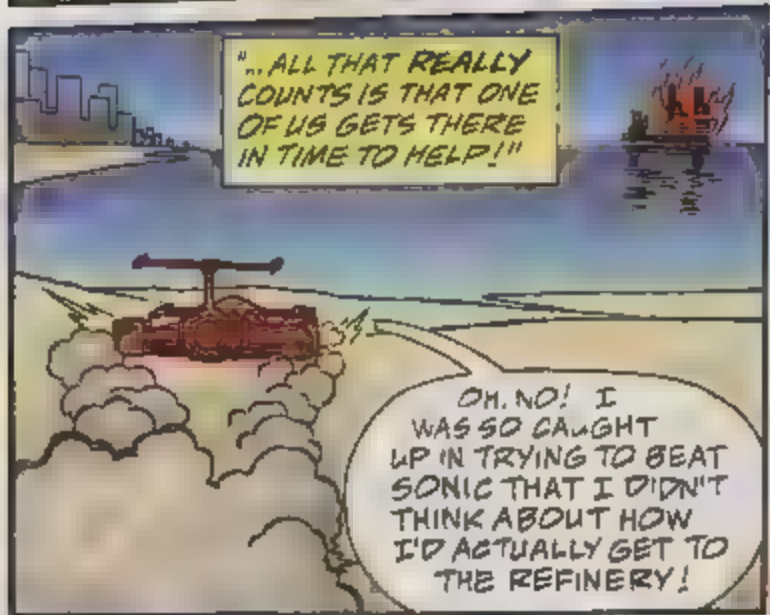
VRRMM!



SONIC, WH-WHAT HAPPENED?

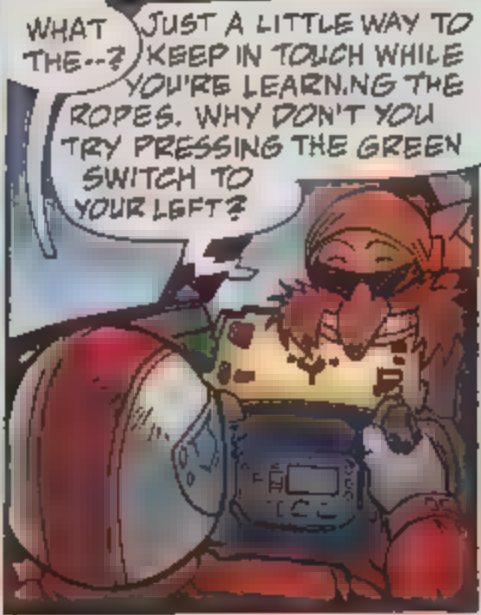
I, I DON'T KNOW, TAILS!

AND I DON'T CARE...

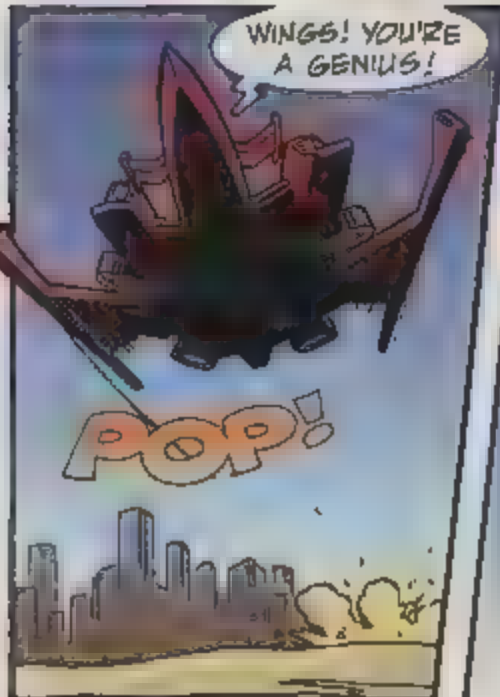


"...ALL THAT REALLY COUNTS IS THAT ONE OF US GETS THERE IN TIME TO HELP!"

OH, NO! I WAS SO CAUGHT UP IN TRYING TO BEAT SONIC THAT I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT HOW I'D ACTUALLY GET TO THE REFINERY!

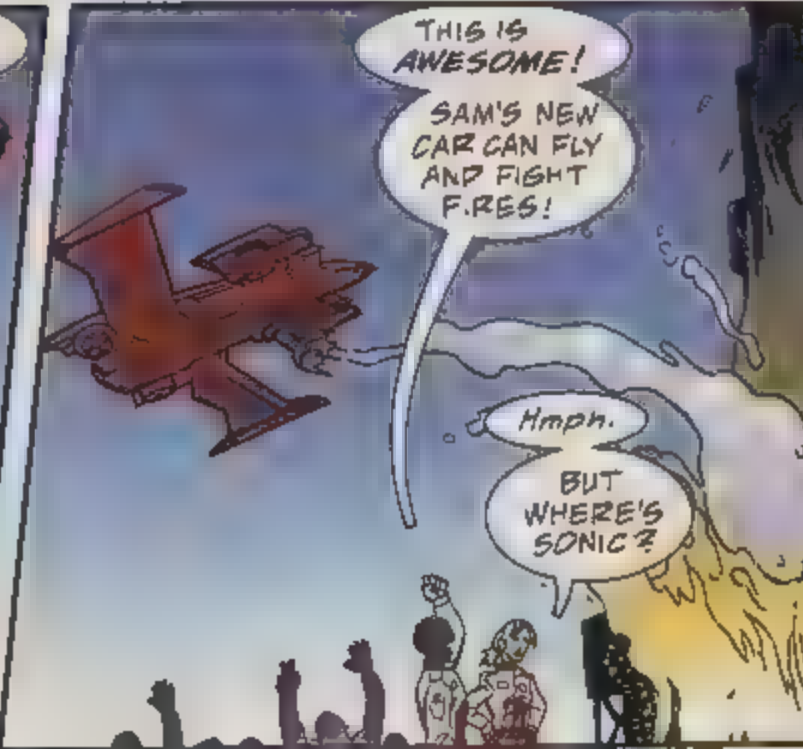


WHAT JUST A LITTLE WAY TO THE--? KEEP IN TOUCH WHILE YOU'RE LEARNING THE ROPES. WHY DON'T YOU TRY PRESSING THE GREEN SWITCH TO YOUR LEFT?



WINGS! YOU'RE A GENIUS!

POP!

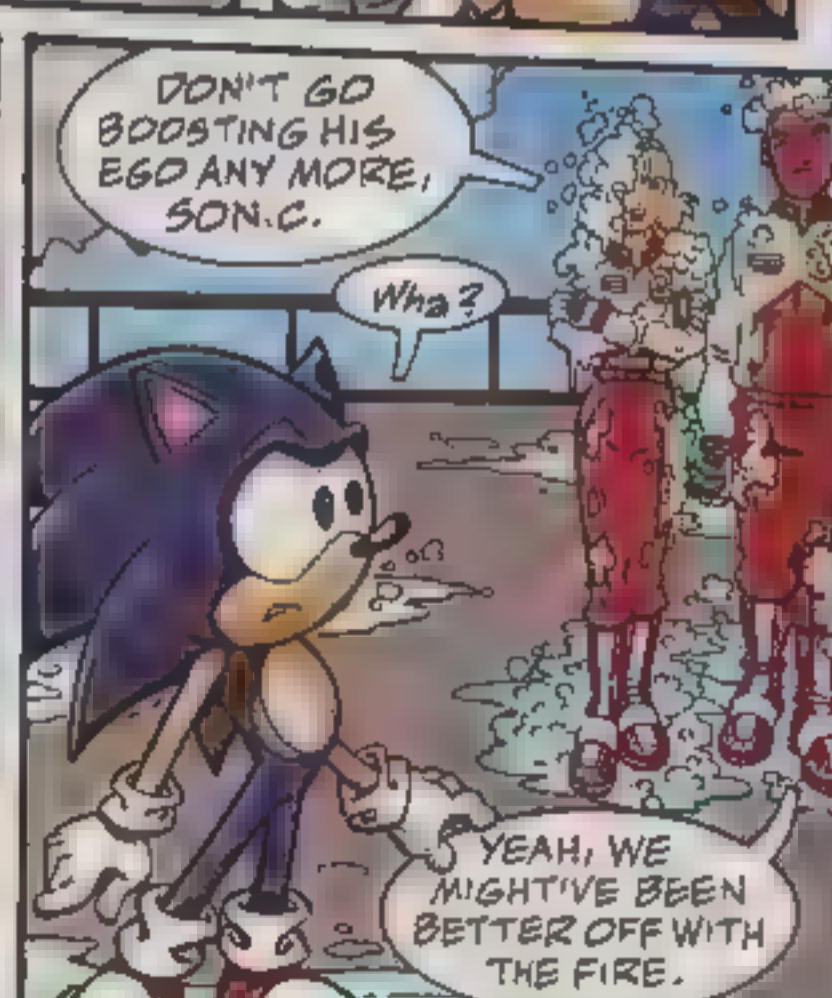
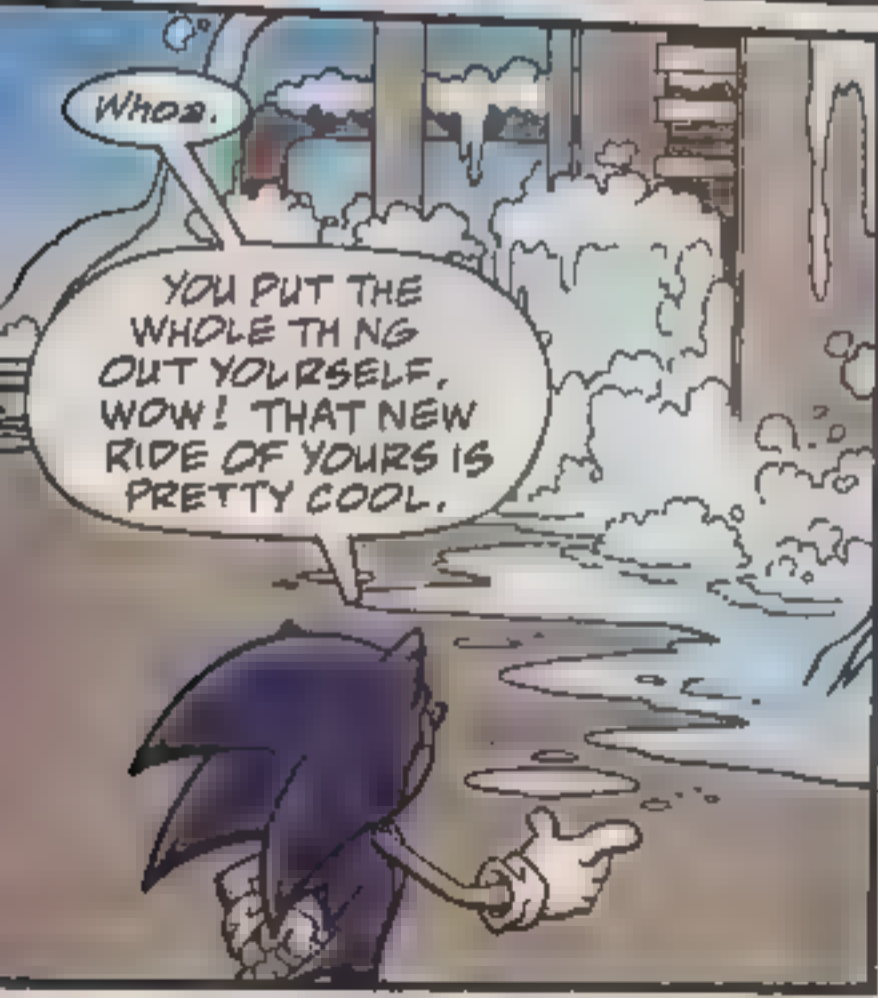
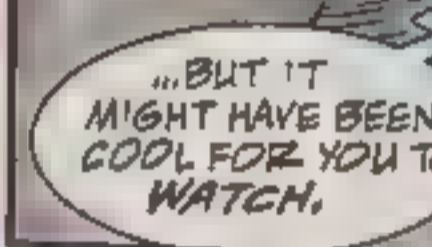
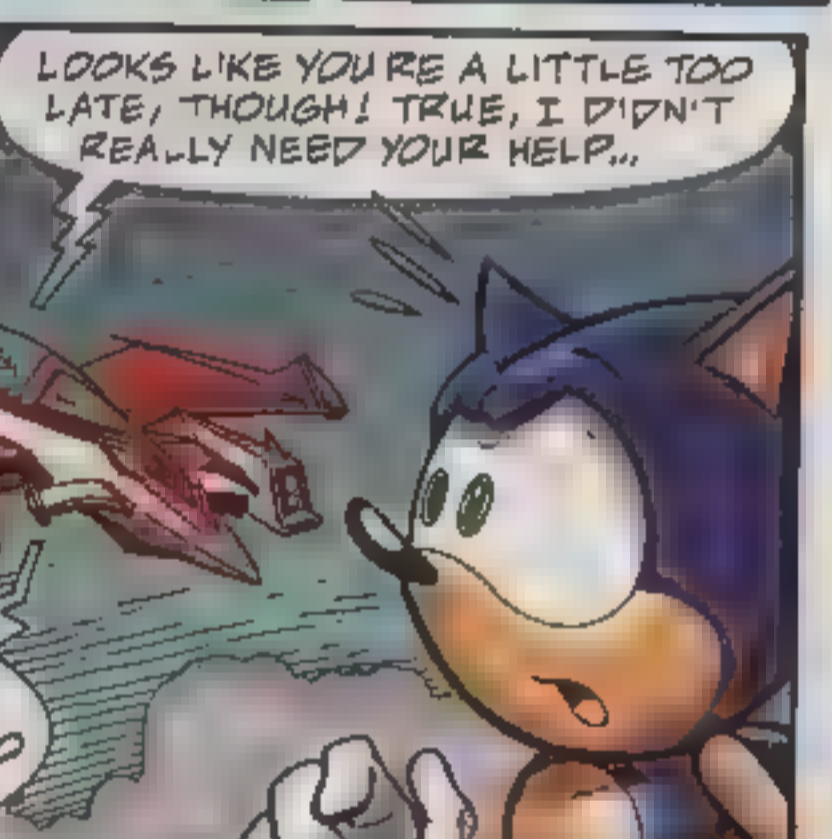
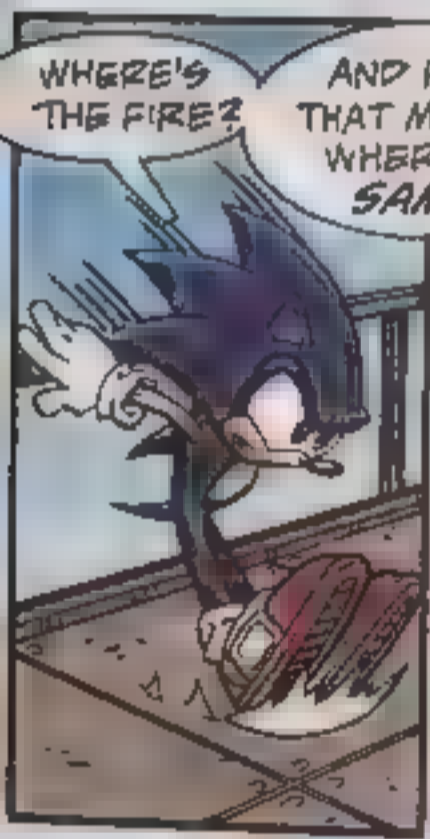
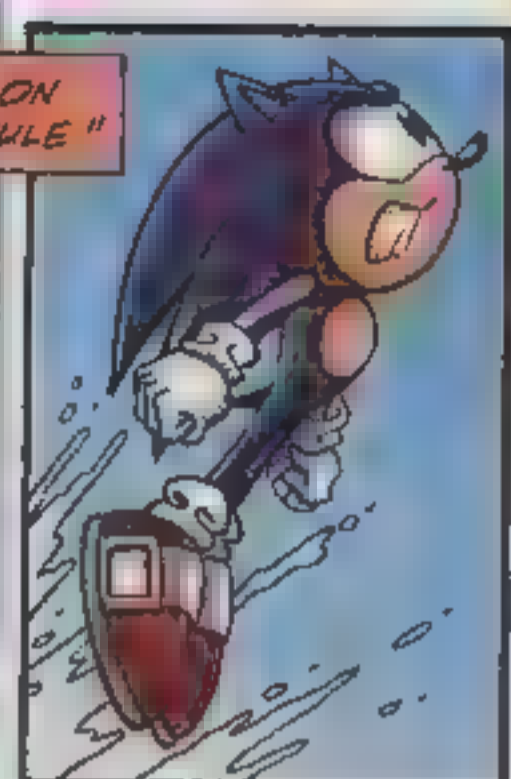
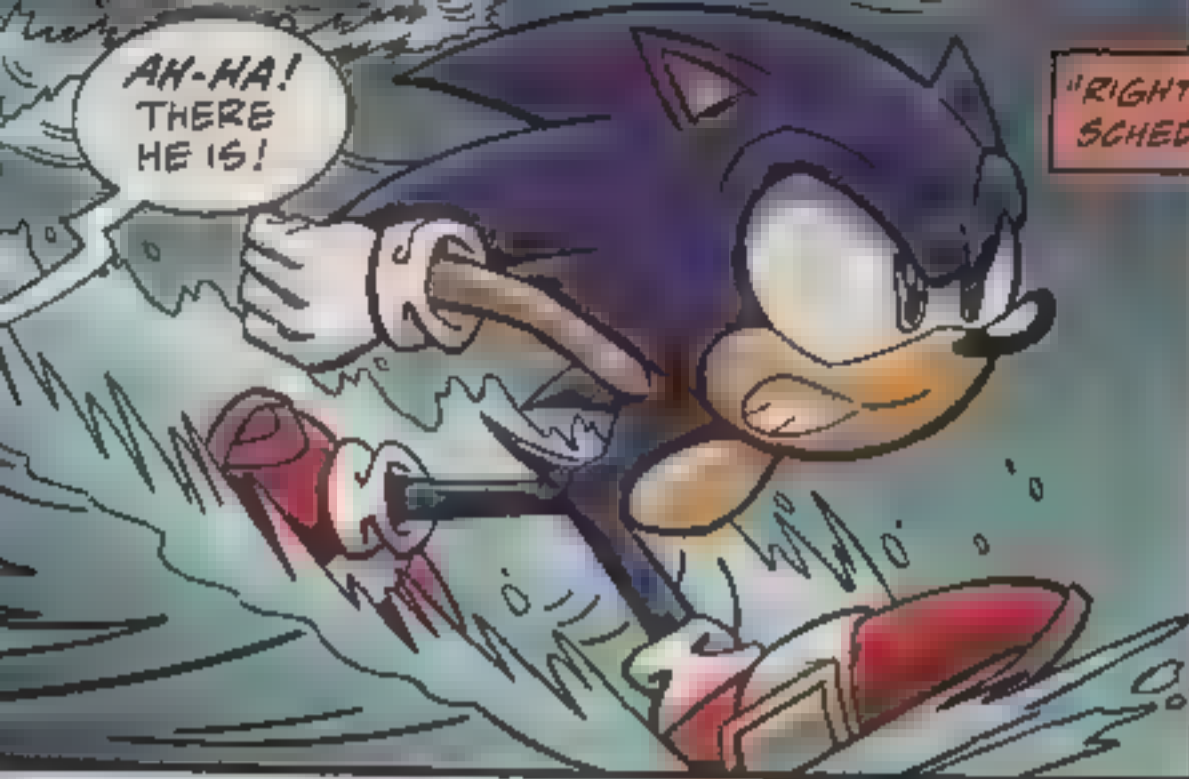


THIS IS AWESOME!

SAM'S NEW CAR CAN FLY AND FIGHT FIRES!

Hmph.

BUT WHERE'S SONIC?



HEY, WHAT GIVES?! WHY AREN'T THEY CONGRATULATING ME? I DID SAVE THE DAY, AFTER ALL. AM I REALLY ACTING LIKE THAT MUCH OF A JERK?

WAT A SEC...

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?! THE VEHICLE ISN'T RESPONDING...

ALMOST FEELS LIKE I'M LOSING CONTROL --

OH, YOU'VE ALREADY LOST IT MY GOOD BOY! I'M CALLING THE SHOTS NOW!

ROBBIE NICK?!

NOT QUITE.

THANKS TO YOU, I HAVE THAT FOUL HEDGEHOG RIGHT WHERE I WANT HIM! HA HA HA!

DR. EGGMAN!

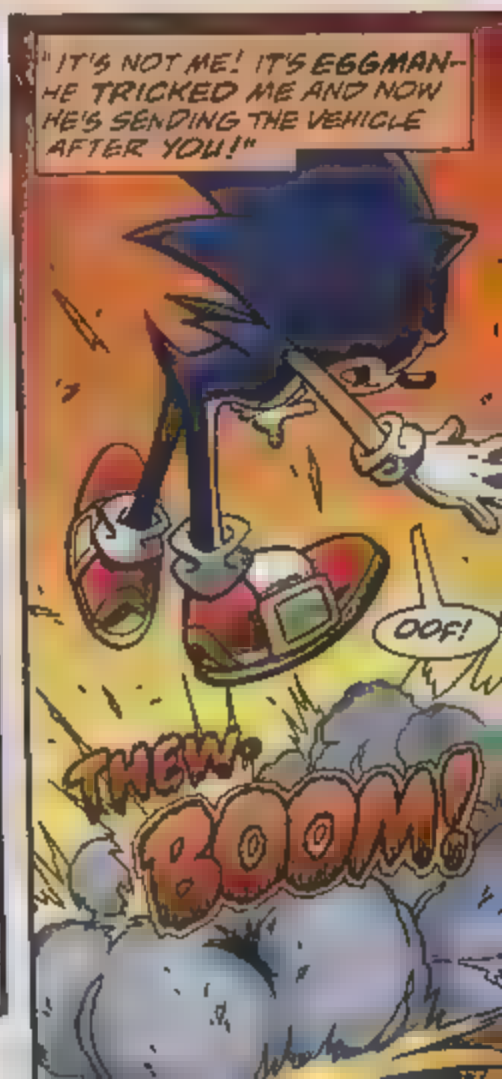
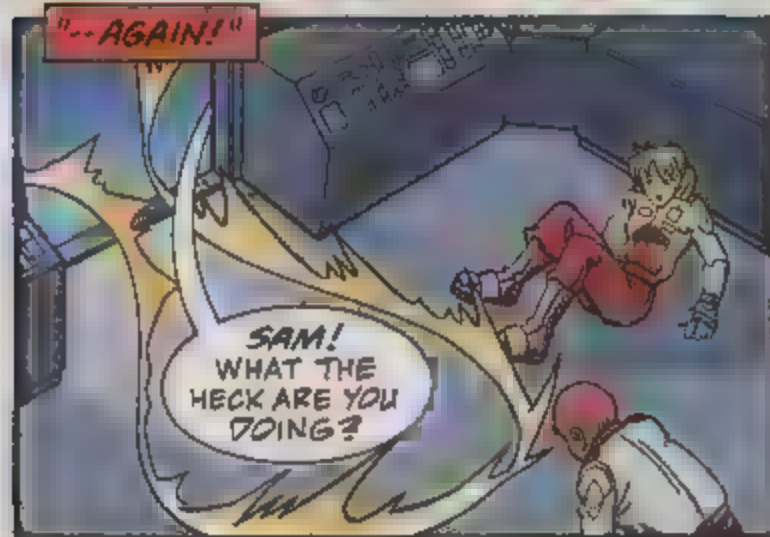
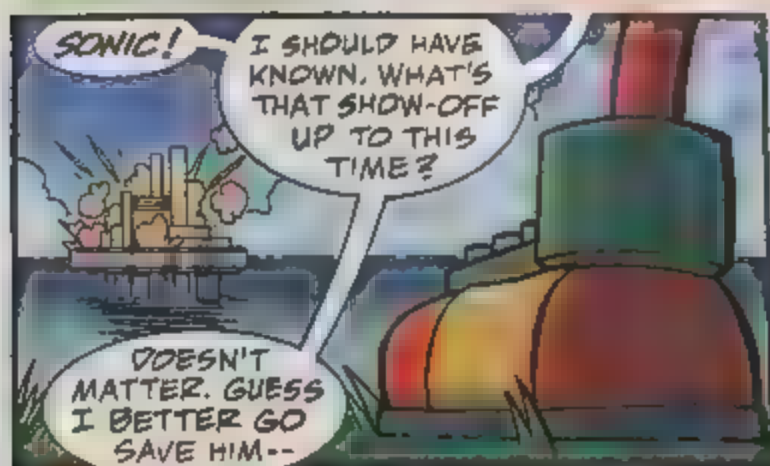
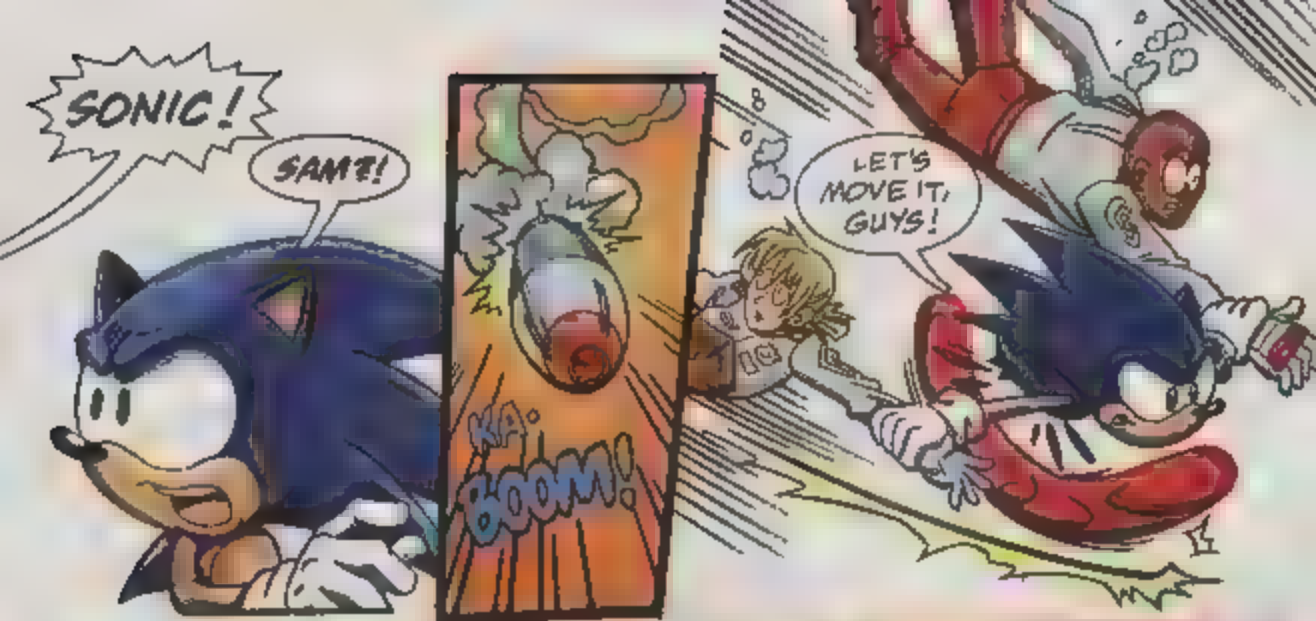
COMPUTER, ALL WEAPONS ON-LINE. TARGET...

...SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

OH, NO! WHAT HAVE I DONE?!

LIKE I SAID, I'M CALLING THE SHOTS NOW!

TARGET: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG... LOCKED...



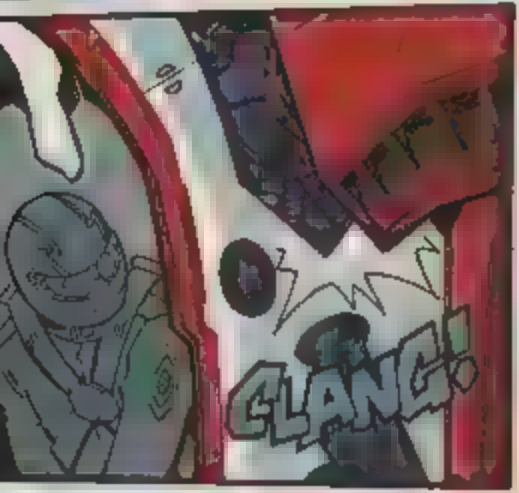


Ooh...
NOW WHAT?

FINALLY.
THERE'S NOWHERE
TO RUN NOW, YOU
FLIPPANT LITTLE
FOOL!



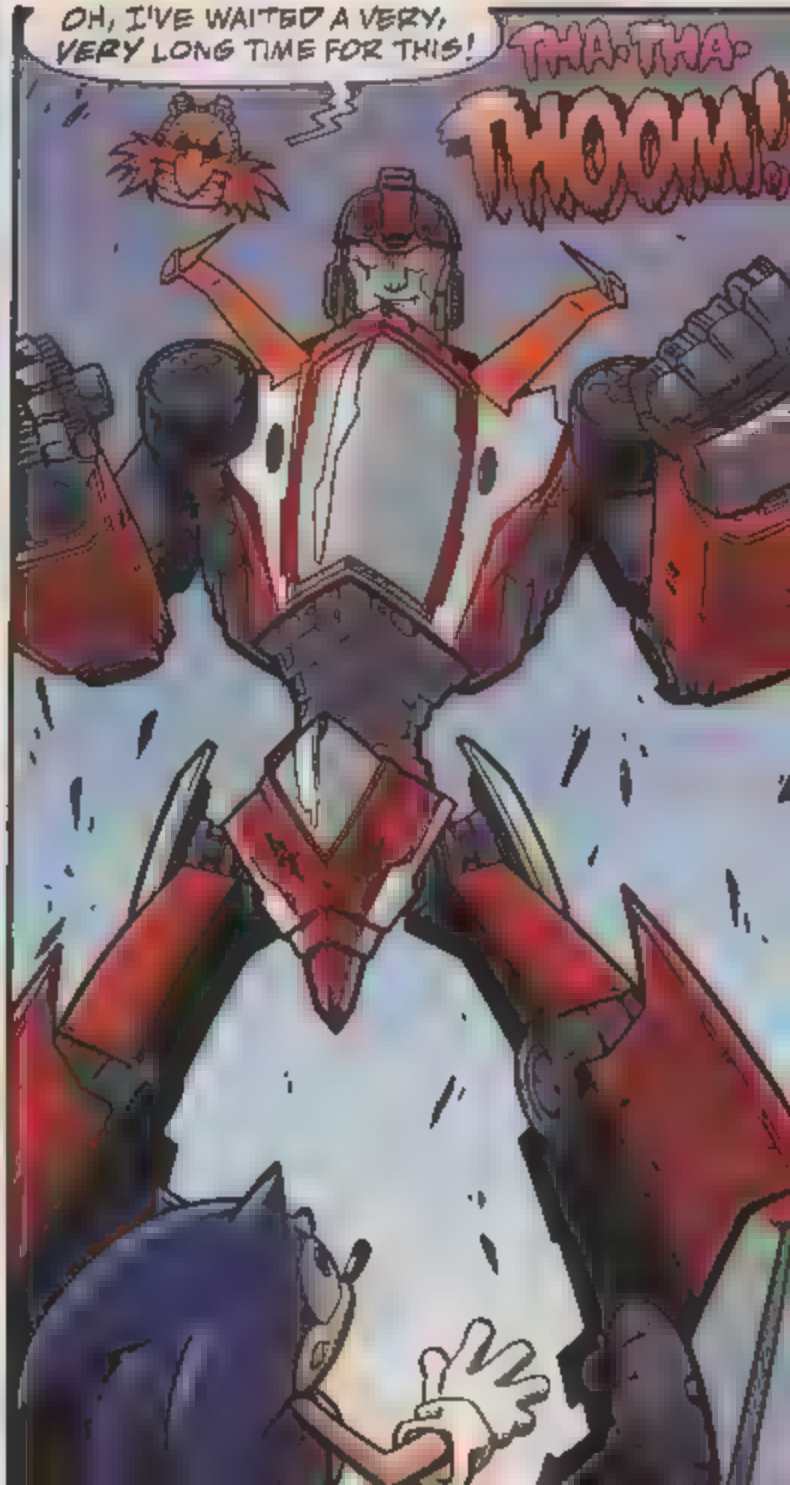
WHRR!



GLANG!

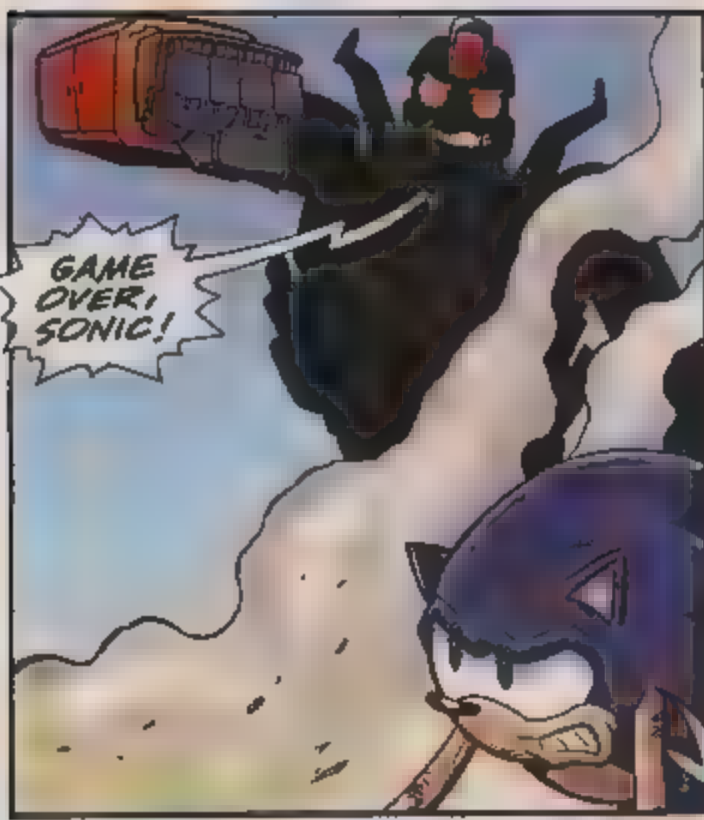


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CHUNK!

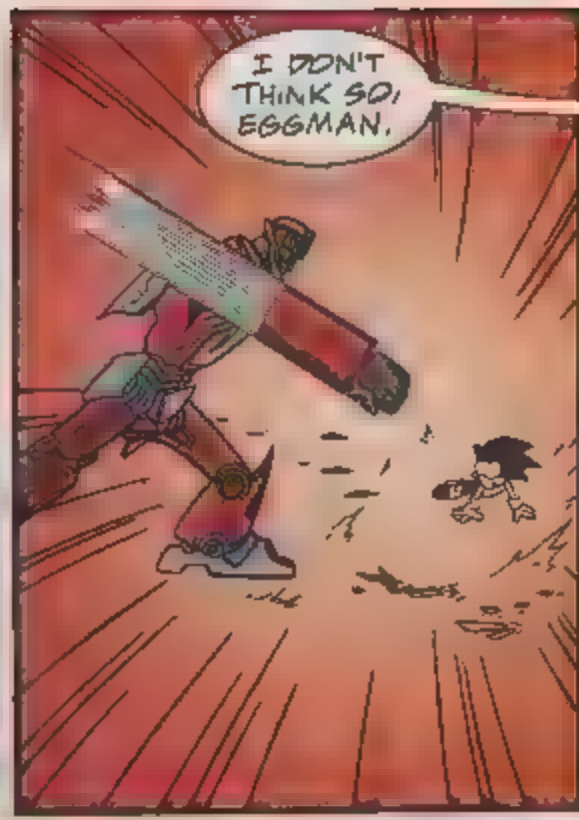


OH, I'VE WAITED A VERY,
VERY LONG TIME FOR THIS!

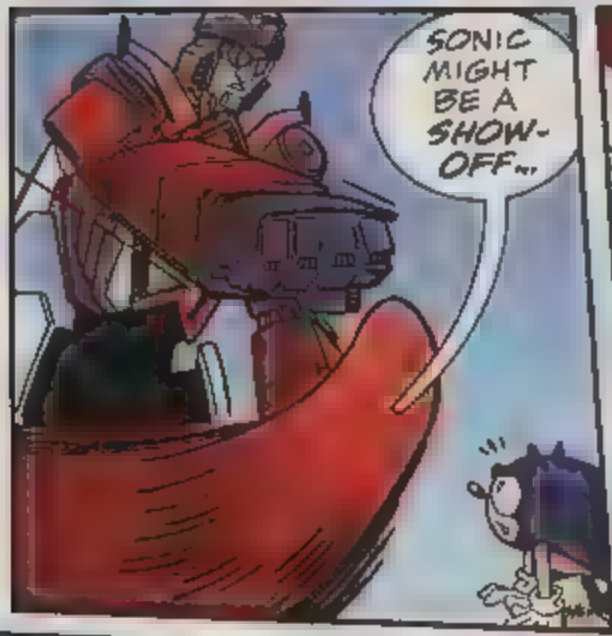
THA-THA-
TWOOM!



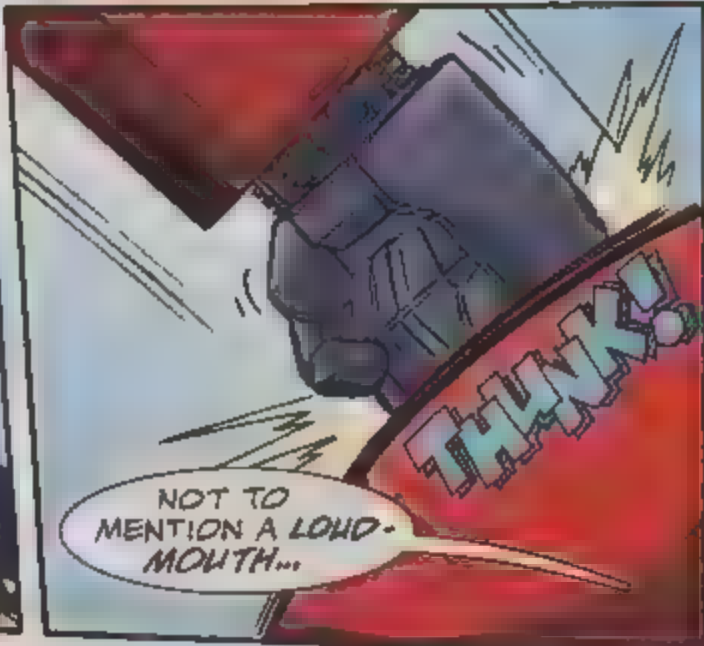
GAME OVER, SONIC!



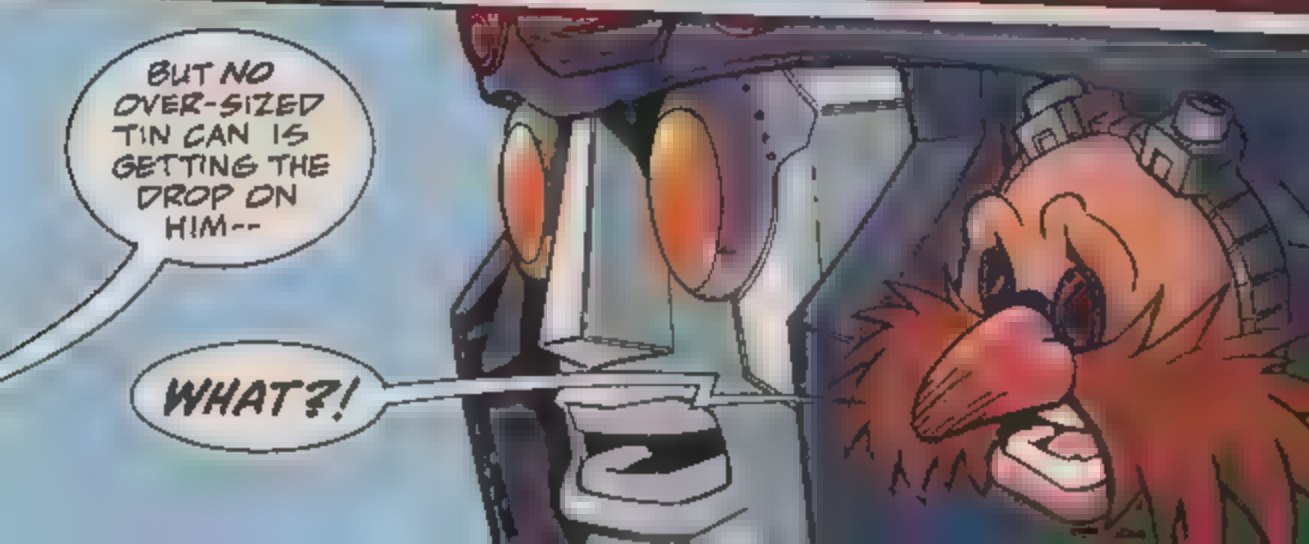
I DON'T THINK SO, EGGMAN.



SONIC MIGHT BE A SHOW-OFF...

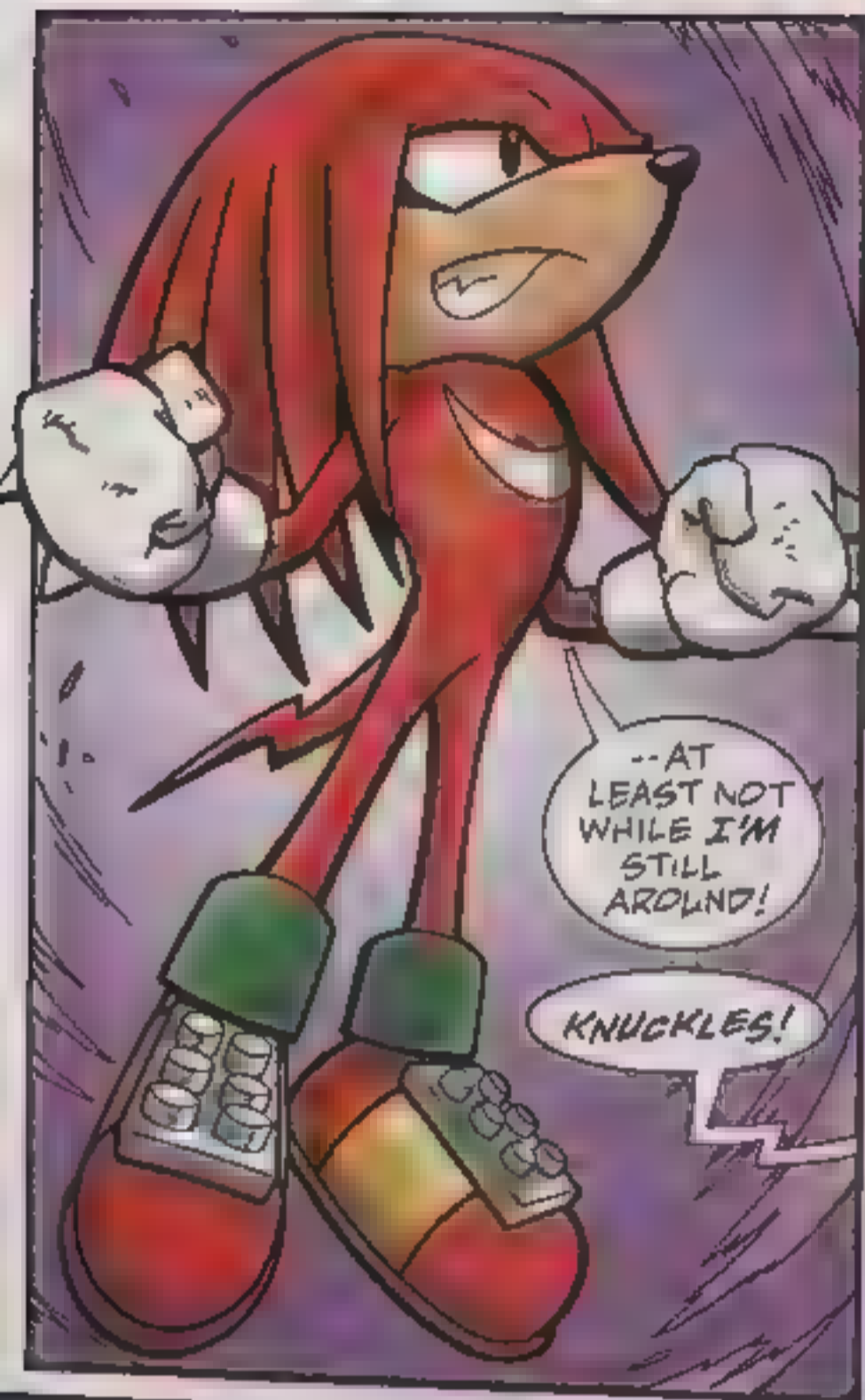


NOT TO MENTION A LOUD-MOUTH...



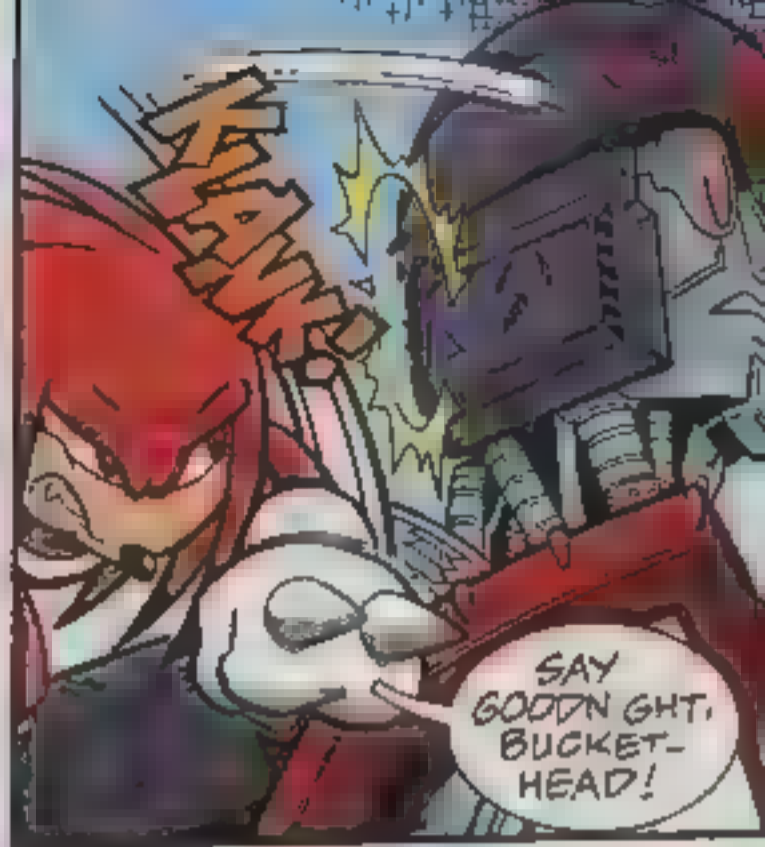
BUT NO OVER-SIZED TIN CAN IS GETTING THE DROP ON HIM--

WHAT?!



--AT LEAST NOT WHILE I'M STILL AROUND!

KNUCKLES!



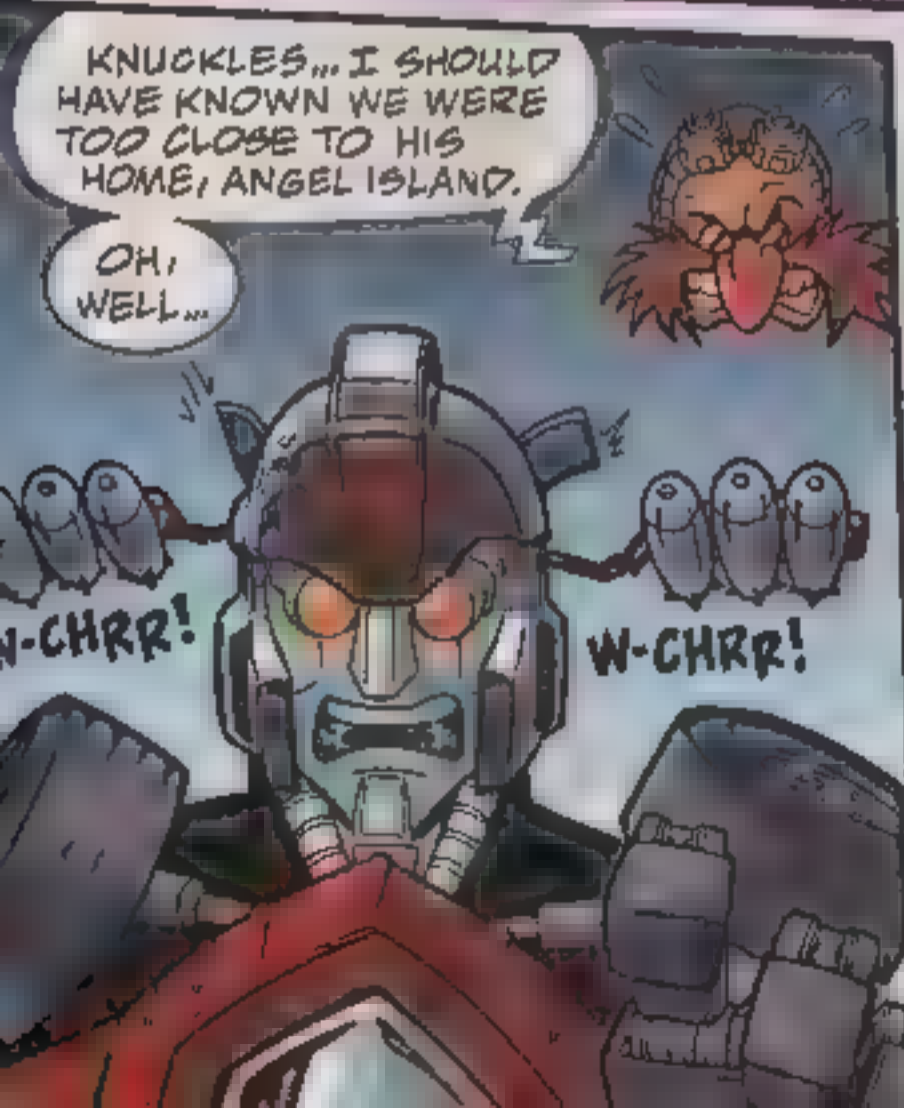
SAY GOODN GHT, BUCKET-HEAD!



YOU OKAY?

YEAH, I'LL SURVIVE.

ME-- RESCUED! HOW EMBARRASSING!

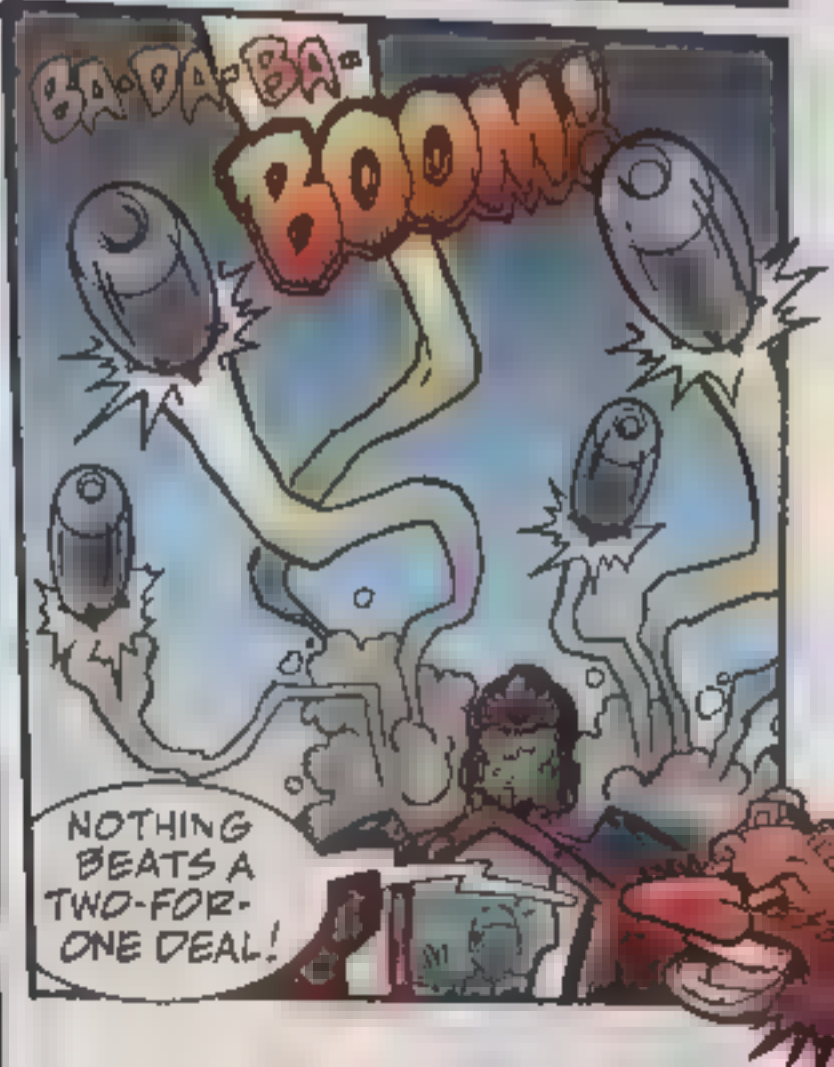


KNUCKLES... I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN WE WERE TOO CLOSE TO HIS HOME, ANGEL ISLAND.

OH, WELL...

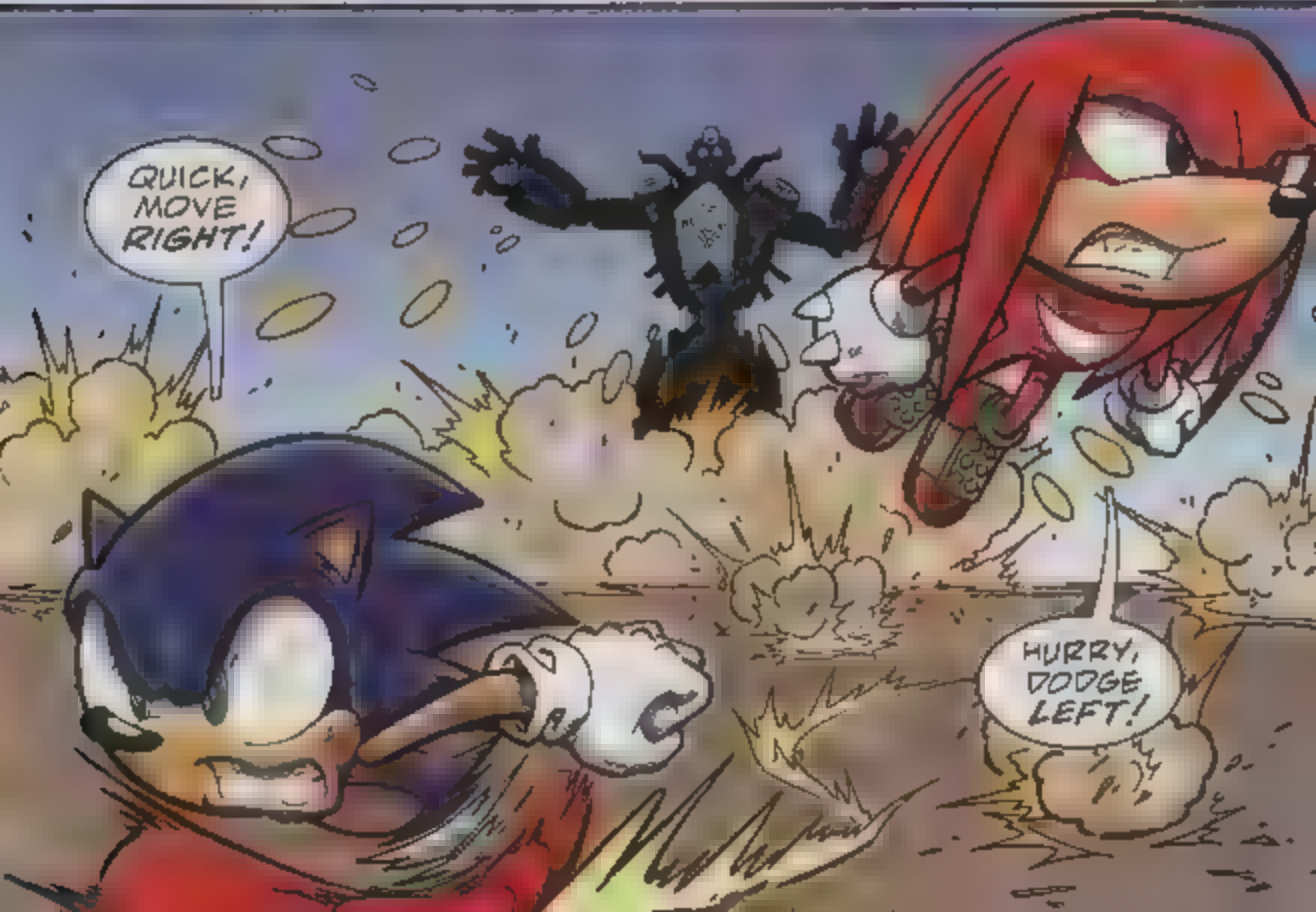
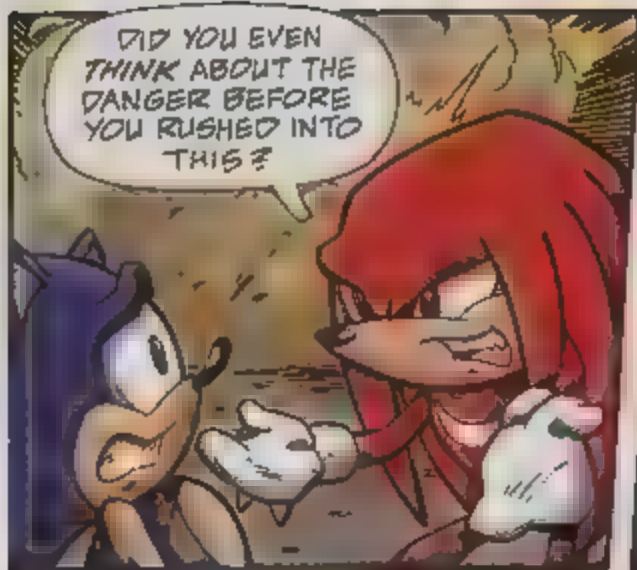
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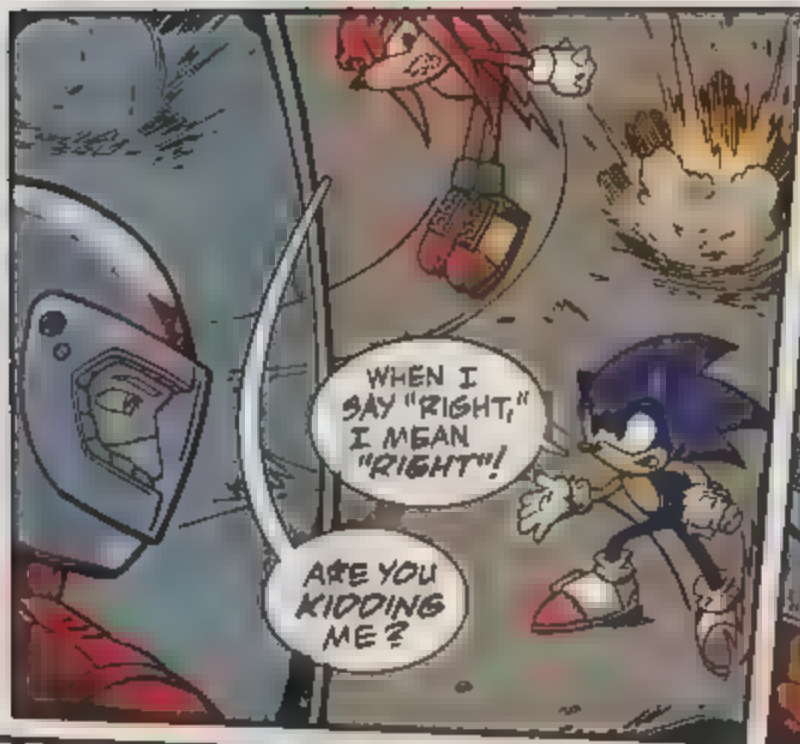
W-CHRR!



BADA-BA-BOOM!

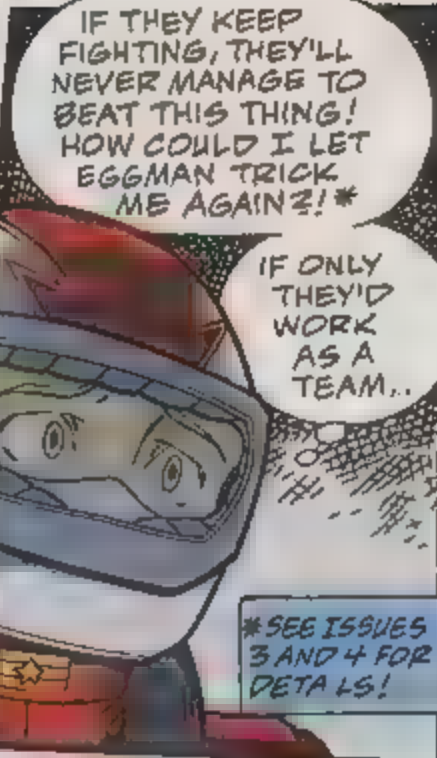
NOTHING BEATS A TWO-FOR-ONE DEAL!





WHEN I SAY "RIGHT," I MEAN "RIGHT!"

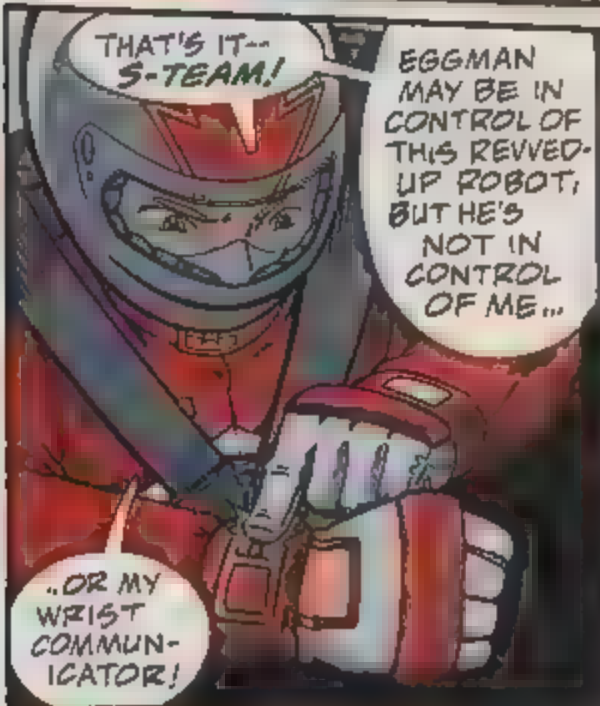
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?



IF THEY KEEP FIGHTING, THEY'LL NEVER MANAGE TO BEAT THIS THING! HOW COULD I LET EGGMAN TRICK ME AGAIN?!

IF ONLY THEY'D WORK AS A TEAM...

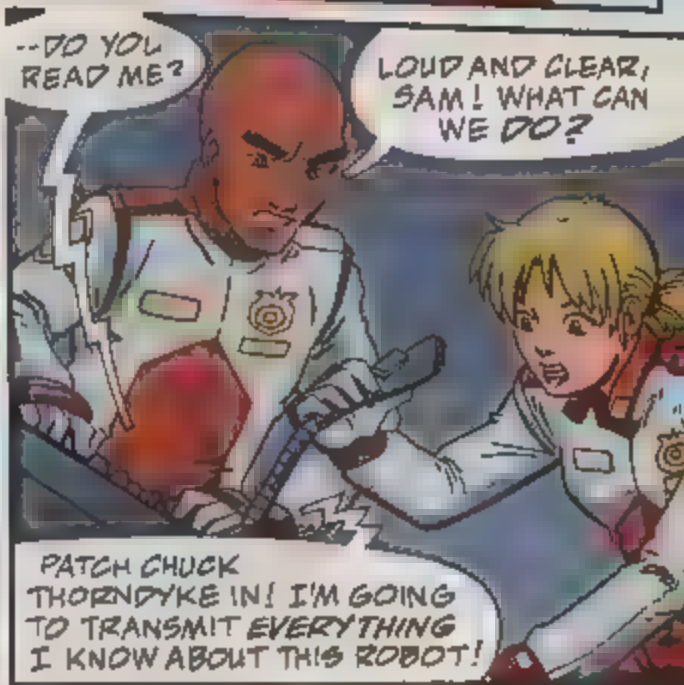
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THAT'S IT-- S-TEAM!

EGGMAN MAY BE IN CONTROL OF THIS REVVED-UP ROBOT, BUT HE'S NOT IN CONTROL OF ME...

..OR MY WRIST COMMUNICATOR!



--DO YOU READ ME?

LOUD AND CLEAR, SAM! WHAT CAN WE DO?

PATCH CHUCK THORNDYKE IN! I'M GOING TO TRANSMIT EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT THIS ROBOT!

VERY SHORTLY, IN CHUCK THORNDYKE'S LAB...

DID YOU GET ALL THAT?



I DID!

KEEP THIS FREQUENCY OPEN I MAY HAVE SOMETHING THAT CAN HELP!

MEANWHILE, THINGS AREN'T GOING TOO WELL FOR OUR OTHER HEROES...

AT LAST, THE PERFECT DESIGN TO STOMP SONIC FLAT!

EGGMAN-POWERED BRILLIANCE! AND IT GETS GREAT MILEAGE, TOO!

CAN YOU PLEASE NOT TALK SO MUCH, DOC?

QUIT EGGING HIM ON AND LET'S TAKE THIS 'BOT OUT!

"EGGING"-- GOOD ONE, KNUX!

LIGHN...



I'LL HIT HIM HIGH, YOU HIT HIM L--

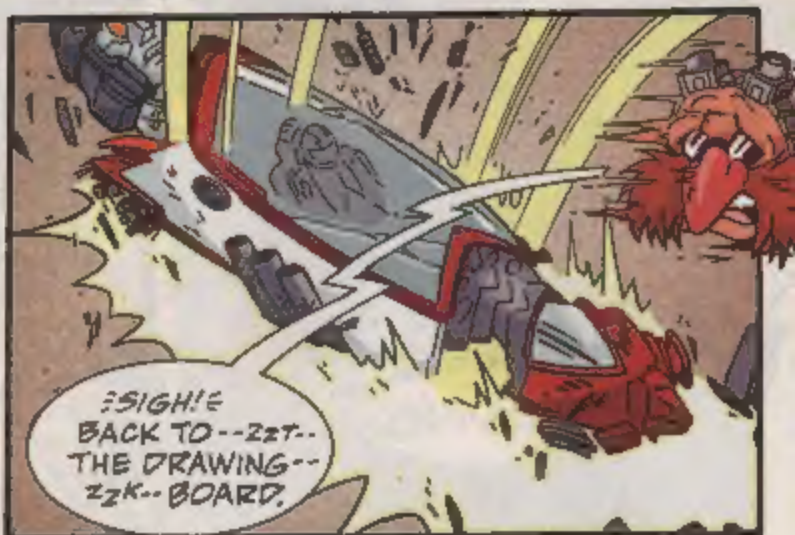
YOU TWO REALLY SHOULD PRACTICE THIS SORT OF THING MORE OFTEN!

THIS NEGATOR SIGNAL WILL STOP THE ROBOT COLD-- BUT ONLY FOR A SECOND. AND THERE'S A RISK TO YOU, SAM--

--SINCE IT WILL HAVE TO BROADCAST THROUGH YOUR WRIST RADIO--

I'LL TAKE THE RISK! DO IT!

--OWWWW!



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PROBABLY WHEN EGGMAN SHAVES HIS MOUSTACHE!



YOU AND SAM WERE GOING SO FAST, IT TOOK AMY AND ME FOREVER TO CATCH UP!

SONIC, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

NO WORRIES, TAILS. WE HANDLED THINGS.

I'M SORRY I LOST MY HEAD, EVERYONE. I UNDERSTAND NOW THAT A TEAM CAN'T WORK IF ONE MEMBER BLAMES EVERYONE ELSE FOR HIS MISTAKES.

I THINK WE ALL LEARNED SOMETHING ABOUT THAT TODAY,

NOW, CAN SOMEONE GIVE ME A LIFT BACK TO STATION SQUARE? I THINK MY CAR NEEDS A SERIOUS TUNE-UP!

HA HA HA HA HA HA

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